(5) for effecting supplies to Mysore Iron and Steel Industries Ltd., Bhadravathi (Fire wood and Charcoal),

(6) Area submerged under projects ?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Minister of State for Forests).—

(*a*) 5203.11 Sq. Miles.

(*b*) 6,50,000 acres.

(*c*) (1) 2,07,000 acres.

(2) No deforestation is necessary for plantation purpose.

(3) and (4) There is no large scale illicit removal of timber. Such cases are dealt with under the forest laws. No deforestation is necessary for exploitation of forest products as the planting operation is taken up in the areas wherein clear felling is done and from which timber and firewood is removed.

(5) 5,000 to 6,000 acres have been cleared for plantation purposes and the fuel available therein is converted into charcoal and upplied to Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi.

(6) 53,467 acres.

Polytechnic Institutions

15. Sri M. L. VASUDEVA MURTHY (Nominated).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether admissions to Polytechnic Institutions are becoming thin ; if so, the reasons for the same ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that job avenues for the trainees of these institutions are remote when compared with the trainees of certificate courses of less duration ;

(*c*) whether the Government having second thoughts in retaining these institutions ?

Sri K. V SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) Response for admission to the General branches of Civil Electrical and Mechanical Engineering in the Polytechnics is coming down presumably due to a feeling that job opportunities are not very many.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is proposed to diversify courses in these institutions with a view to meeting the specific neeeds of industries in the region.